

#### Diamond's Edge

**Did you know** ... females wearing nail polish may only use one color and may not use any ornamentation? Ref: AFI 36-2903 Table 1.4. Line 11

Source: Misawa First Sergeants

#### Misawa Air Base DUI/DWI Hitboard

Total number of  
DUI/DWI incidents  
at Misawa  
this year

**0**

as of Thursday

Last DUI/DWI: 35th Maintenance Squadron

Number of days  
since the last  
DUI/DWI at  
Misawa

**35**

as of Thursday

Source: 35th Security Forces Squadron

#### Weekend Weather

##### Saturday

Snow  
showers  
H 31/L 21

##### Sunday

Isolated  
snow  
H 35/L 23

Source: 35th OSS Weather Flight

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## AEF 7/8 to remain until further notice

A release from the Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper Tuesday addressed issues concerning the deployed members of AEF 7/8 and their "remaining in place."

In the message, Gen. Jumper said "the Air and Space Expeditionary Force structure is a powerful tool that has enabled us to successfully support long standing contingency operations. Sustaining on-going requirements with three-month rotations has become part of our Air Force culture. But we need to remember that the AEF structure also allows us to posture for a full range of combat operations, including major theater contingencies that require more forces than can be provided by one AEF pair on a three-month rotation.

"When the time comes to build a force bigger than one AEF pair and/or deploy it for a time frame that may exceed three-months, AEF is the mechanism that we use to select units who are best prepared to meet the needs of the situation. We now are reaching this point with our preparations for expanded operations in Southwest Asia.

ations in Southwest Asia.

"The combined efforts of the entire Air Force team – active, reserve component, and civilians—are needed to meet the challenges of the coming weeks and months. With this in mind, I want to personally notify every airman that the time has come for us to begin to build up airpower in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility to achieve national security objectives if directed, by our Commander-in-Chief. In keeping with the intent of Secretary of Defense (Donald Rumsfeld), we must interrupt our normal three-month AEF rotation cycle because the resources in a single AEF pair can no longer satisfy the needs of our combatant commands.

"Although AEF rotation timing will change, we will make every effort to preserve the AEF sequence, which will give us the ability to sustain our operations over the long term. When able, we will return to a more normalized three-month AEF battle rhythm.

Active duty and mobilized

reserve airmen deployed as members of AEF 7/8 or deploying to the AOR as part of current crisis taskings, should anticipate remaining in place until further notice. Deployed/deploying mobilized reserve airmen will be extended on active duty as necessary. I assure you that we will continue to assess the evolving situation and develop rotation plans, which seek to relieve our forces in the most equitable fashion while still meeting commanders' warfighting requirements.

"Reserve component airmen supporting our efforts are critical contributors; we will continue to utilize volunteers to the greatest possible extent. As necessary, extension of mobilization orders for deployed/deploying reserve airmen, and new mobilizations, will be worked in accordance with established laws and regulations.

The general concluded with "our success as an Air Force depends on how we prepare for and execute operations. I know this is a lot to ask and I am confident that every airman understands we have been

called upon once again by our nation. I have never been prouder of our Air Force and of the great men and women that bring America's resolve to the doorsteps of those who would seek to inflict harm upon us and our allies. I know you are all equal to the task and I look forward to seeing our great Air Force continue to successfully defend American values and freedoms."

According to Brig. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, 35th Fighter Wing and Misawa AB Installation commander, the 35th FW stands ready to support the national objectives directed by the commander in chief.

"We need to pull together and support our deployed personnel as well as our families here at Misawa," he said. "We're blessed with outstanding support agencies and services that truly embodies the family spirit of Misawa. No matter what the mission, I know the 35th Fighter Wing will be one team, one fight — and we'll be victorious." (Story courtesy U.S. Air Forces Europe News Service)

## 35th FW welcomes new command chief

by Staff Sgt. Mikal Canfield

35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office

The 35th Fighter Wing welcomed its new command chief master sergeant Tuesday.

Chief Master Sgt. Frank Smith joins the Misawa Air Base team as the primary senior enlisted consultant to the 35th FW and installation commander.

As 35th FW command chief master sergeant, he is responsible for the health, welfare and morale of the enlisted force on the installation and represents the enlisted community to the commander and advises him of important enlisted force issues.

In addition, Chief Smith provides the communications link between the installation commander and the enlisted community, ensuring the commander's programs and policies are understood.

Chief Smith comes to Misawa from Headquarters U.S. Transportation Command, Scott AFB, Ill., where he served as command chief master sergeant from April 2001 until his assignment to the 35th FW.

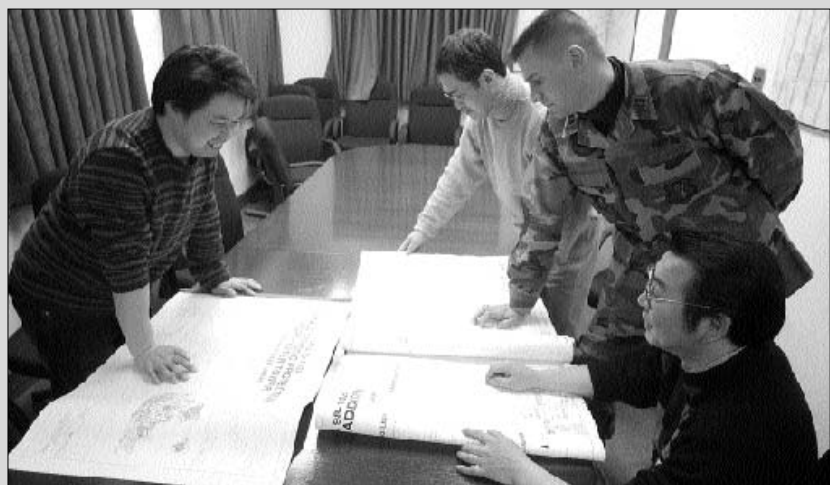


Photo by Tech. Sgt. James Hart Jr.

### 'Drawing' up a PACAF win

(Left to right) Mutsou Shibasaki, Satoshi Nogawa, Capt. Brett Terry, and Bunji Yamamoto, 35th Contracting Squadron, inspect contractor-furnished drawings, one of many contracting duties performed on a daily basis. All were recently recognized as 'Best in PACAF' in their respective areas.

The awards recognize each as "leaders amongst their peers in contracting knowledge, expertise and accomplishments." The squadron either won or received honorable mentions in nine of 11 categories. Yamamoto-san, Nogawa-san, and Capt. Terry have moved on to compete at Air Force level.

# Smallpox threat very real

■ **Editor's note:** This commentary mirrors the commander's weekly update on AFN Misawa.

by Brig. Gen. Dana T. Atkins  
35th Fighter Wing and Misawa  
Installation commander

Less than four months ago, the anthrax vaccine was reintroduced on Air Force installations. Effective immediately, the Air Force will implement another protective measure for its members — this time, against smallpox.

Although the disease has been eradicated since 1990, our enemies could possibly use it as a biological weapon. Our national leaders have resumed the smallpox immunization program to better protect our

troops in the war on terrorism. To help alleviate any concerns about the vaccine, here are a few fast facts that you should know:

■ The smallpox vaccine is a 'live virus' vaccine, but you can't get smallpox from the vaccine. Once administered, it evokes an immune response that protects against the virus that causes smallpox.

■ About 95 percent of people are protected within 10 days of getting a single smallpox vaccination. It is so effective that it helped humankind eradicate the natural disease from the entire planet.

■ Full protection lasts for three-to-five years after the first vaccination. Full protection after revaccination lasts about 10 years. Full protection lasts longer, but people need to be revaccinated if too much

time has passed.

■ The procedures for vaccination against smallpox will be similar to those used for the anthrax vaccine. Certain emergency response, medical personnel and those who represent critical mission capabilities will be the first recipients of the vaccination. Other personnel will be inoculated as directives allow.

■ With over 30 years of real world experience, the national smallpox vaccine has had little or no adverse consequences.

I personally have had the national vaccination and if you were born before 1972 — so have you. For more information about the vaccine and the disease, visit [www.smallpox.army.mil](http://www.smallpox.army.mil). Thanks, stay safe and continue to take care of each other.

## Tax season approaches: be ready

by Captain Marshall Minami  
Misawa Tax Center

The 2002 tax season is almost upon us and it's time to give your taxes some thought, if you have not already done so.

**Basic preparation**  
Misawa's Tax Center advises and assists service members, dependents, and DoD employ-

ees in the preparation of their federal and state income tax returns. Before you visit the tax center, make sure all your paperwork is in order. Service members should first consult with their Unit Tax Advisor to ensure their tax information is complete. You will need:

■ All of yours and your family members' W-2s

■ Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification number for all family members.

■ Last year's tax return

■ A copy of a bank deposit ticket or a voided check (for electronic filing)

■ All-important financial documents. This may include documents reflecting alimony payments, dividends, interest earned, and capital gains and losses from the sale of stocks, bonds, or property (1099's).

### When to file

Generally, you must file your federal income taxes by April 15th. However, federal law provides an automatic two-month filing extension for

U.S. citizens, residents, and military personnel residing overseas.

### Deductions

Tax deductions reduce the amount of income subject to taxation. More deductions mean less taxable income, which ultimately means less money owed to the IRS.

If you choose to itemize your deductions, you must specify and add up all your deductible expenses from the year.

We open our doors Monday in Bldg 514. The first two weeks are specifically for people filing with the 1040EZ form. Appointments are highly encouraged.

If you have questions regarding the Misawa Tax Center, call 226-3948 or 226-4022.

### Tax Center Hours

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays — 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Wednesdays — 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

### Tax Form Information

■ Social Security Numbers (applications) — [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

■ Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers (applications) — [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

■ Consular Report of Birth Abroad of a Citizen of the United States of America (applications) — <http://usembassy.state.gov/seoul>

## Feb. is National Children's Dental Month

by Capt. Michael Chung  
35th Dental Squadron

February marks the observance of National Children's Dental Health Month. For the past 52 years, the dental profession takes advantage of this month to join together to promote the importance of children's dental health through education and prevention.

During this month, the goal of the dental community is to reach millions of children and their parents in communities across the country and world wide, establishing habits and attitudes at an early age that will last for a lifetime.

The theme for this year's campaign is "Don't Let Your Smile Become Extinct!" Throughout February, the 35th Dental Squadron will be hosting many educational activities in support of this observance.

Staff members from the dental squadron will visit the day care centers and grades kindergarten through

seventh at Sollars and Cummings Elementary Schools during the first two weeks in February. During the classroom visits, children will receive dental health instructions, brushing tips and new toothbrushes for their use.

Home schoolers will also be given an opportunity for a trip to the Dental Clinic during the month. The 35th DS personnel are happy to answer any questions you may have. For more information, call 226-6700.

### Children's Dental Health Month Activities

■ Sollars visits, Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Sollars visits, Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

■ Cummings visits, Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

■ Cummings visits, Feb. 7 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

■ Dental information display at BX, Feb. 8 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## Commander's Action Line (226-3700) Please Use It



The Action Line provides "direct communication" between you and me. This valuable open channel has but one purpose — to make our community better. Your input of ideas, concerns, highlighting problems and suggested solutions are the lifeblood to building a stronger foundation where our families thrive and our mission succeeds. There are many dedicated professionals at Misawa — officer, noncommissioned officer and civilian — who are experts in their respective fields. Please offer them the opportunity to answer your question in concert with your unit chain of command. They share the same vision for Misawa as I do. However, those concerns that do come to the Action Line have my personal attention.

*Dana T. Atkins*

Brig. Gen. Dana T. Atkins  
35th Fighter Wing and  
Misawa Air Base  
installation commander

### Who to call for assistance

Air Force Aid Society .....	226-9316
American Red Cross .....	226-3016
Auto skills center .....	226-4654
Bowling center .....	226-7731
Chaplain .....	226-4630
Commissary manager .....	226-3823
Community center .....	226-4128
Education center .....	226-4201
Enlisted club .....	222-9449
Facility maintenance .....	226-3693
Family day care .....	226-2273
Family services .....	226-3665
Family support center .....	226-4735
Health and wellness center ..	226-6653
Hospital .....	226-3506
Housing maintenance .....	226-2327
Housing manager .....	226-2394
Housing office .....	226-3200
Law enforcement desk .....	226-4358
Library .....	226-4083
Main exchange manager .....	222-7410
Military clothing sales .....	222-8709
Officers' club .....	226-2016
Pass and registration .....	226-3995
Teen center .....	226-2170
35th Services Squadron .....	226-3008
Youth center .....	226-3200

# Misawa people make the OPSEC difference

by Staff Sgt. Mikal Canfield  
35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office

Awareness and understanding the threat are just two keys to reducing the operational security threat to Misawa.

Increasing concerns, such as the athletes from various Asian countries here for the 2003 Asian Winter Game events being held at the Misawa Ice Arena, have brought greater emphasis on OPSEC and on how to prevent, how to report and what kinds of things to look out for around Misawa.

"Misawa is a very vulnerable area for foreign intelligence collection. Many people don't realize Misawa is almost as far away from North Korea, Russia and China as we are from Tokyo," said Capt. Andrew Bell, 35th Fighter Wing Intelligence Operations.

"Because of our war-time mission of protecting the Pacific against various threats — combined with the high value of intelligence assets here — foreign adversaries would love to get their hands on Misawa information. The point of OPSEC is to make sure they don't."

Things people do every day at Misawa can contribute to information getting into the wrong hands. Using unsecure phones, faxes, e-mails and failing to shred sensitive documents all

make the base vulnerable to intelligence collection.

"We periodically have teams come to Misawa to listen to phone conversations and read everyone's e-mail, just to see what our enemies are learning," he said. "Believe those stickers on your phones and computers — phone and e-mail traffic really can be monitored at all times."

Images of covert spying operations with people sneaking around the shadows of the base collecting secret information aren't quite the way it works in the real world. More than 95 percent of the information our adversaries get from us is freely disclosed by base people, Capt. Bell added.

"OPSEC isn't some set of mysterious regulations or some boring brief you have to sit through once a year," he said. "OPSEC simply means understanding that there are enemies off base that want to know what you know and taking steps to keep them from getting this information."

Protecting sensitive information has become even more difficult with the Internet and satellite imagery. Commercial websites often show detailed U.S. basing and deployment data for the Middle East and central Asia, complete with detailed satellite images of the bases.

"The entire world can go online and see where

our command posts and security perimeters are at our Middle East bases and use that for whatever purpose they want," Capt. Bell said. "It's a troubling new world for OPSEC, and we've got to do a better job of protecting ourselves."

There are several things Misawa people can do to reduce the threat. "The number one thing is to be aware," he said. "Know what information you have that adversaries might want, be aware of how they could get that info, and then act to keep that info here on base."

"It's a continuing process that should happen every time we deal with information, which is just about always."

Bell added something as simple as shredding can make a significant difference in the amount of information available to our enemies.

"Failing to shred is perhaps one of our biggest OPSEC failures, especially personal information, manning and deployment data, distinguished visitor itineraries and base communication capabilities" Capt. Bell said. "We've had tests where someone off base found personal info thrown out in dumpsters and used that info to get an ID card, and then had access to just about every part of the base. This is pretty scary when you think about it."

For more information about OPSEC, contact Capt. Bell at 226-3077.

## Emergency Data Cards easier to update via web

More than a week before its planned launch, the brand new web-based 'emergency data card' helped more than 1,000 airmen in Alaska mobilize for a real world deployment.

Now, sooner than expected, airmen can update their emergency contact information from any web-connected computer, from home or work rather than visiting their military personnel flights.

Called the Virtual Record of Emergency Data, or vRED, the new form provides the Air Force with information needed to contact family members if an airman suffers a serious illness or injury, or dies while on active duty.

The vRED replaces the "DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data," and will need to be kept updated by each individual. Now the only way to update an airman's emergency data is by visiting the virtual MPF online.

Airmen will be notified by their military personnel flights between

now and June telling them when to sign on and establish their initial electronic form, said Maj. Jerry Couvillion, chief of the casualty services branch here.

"The biggest advantage is convenience for the customer," he said. "People won't have to stand in line at the MPF to make simple changes to their contact information."

Originally scheduled to kick off Jan. 27, the program was pressed into service early to help out mobility processing for some Eielson airmen, officials said. Once on, within the first week more than 20,000 other people completed the form upon logging in to the Virtual Military Personnel Flight on the personnel center's web site.

"Things are going well," said Maj. Couvillion. "The system handled this pop-up requirement as well as we could have hoped."

Officials encourage all active-duty, Guard and Reserve members to update their information. (Story courtesy AFPC News Service)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andrew Rodier

### Hail to the chiefs

Misawa's newest chief master sergeants are introduced as they walk beneath the sabers of the other chief master sergeants during the Chief Induction Ceremony Jan. 24 in the Tohoku Enlisted Club. Chiefs inducted during the ceremony included James Bartolome, Michael Bernard, Rodney Billinghamurst, Joseph Ferrall, James Fogerty, Michael Goelze, Jack Johnson, Jr., Glenn Snyder, and Charles Whitaker. Ceremony guest speaker was Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Dobbins, 11th Air Force command chief master sergeant, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska.

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### Smile Misawa!



The Northern Light is published each Friday for people like Anna Flowers, Misawa Family Support Center. "She is an incredibly hardworking, creative and energetic member of the Family Support Center team. She goes above and beyond to get the word out about all our programs," said Maj. Barbara Severson-Olsen, FSC director.



# New site features free online tax filing option

The Treasury Department, Office of Management and Budget and the Internal Revenue Service in Washington have launched a new Web site featuring private-sector partners who will allow eligible taxpayers to prepare and file their taxes online for free. A substantial number of citizens will be able to use this service.

President Bush proposed free online tax filing last February as one of his e-government initiatives.

Less than one year later, millions of Americans will benefit from free online tax filing services if they are eligible. Treasury, OMB and IRS officials have made this possible through a public-private partnership with some tax software companies known as the Free File Alliance.

According to information found on the IRS Web site, Free File is an easier, faster and secure way for citizens to file taxes and will also allow Americans to get refunds in half the time, said officials.

"No one likes paying taxes," said Kenneth Dam, acting treasury secretary. "It's too confusing and time consuming. The launch of this new Web site is great news for millions of Americans. Free File makes it easy. Now they can save time, money and get their refunds in half the time by filing their taxes online for free."

Each FFA member company sets taxpayer eligibility requirements for its own program. These requirements will differ from company to compa-

ny. Generally, eligibility will be based on factors such as age, adjusted gross income, state residency, military status or eligibility to file a Form 1040EZ or for the Earned Income Tax Credit. Taxpayers can review the list of companies, found on the Free File section of the IRS Web site, where eligibility requirements are shown company by company.

The primary candidates for Free File are those taxpayers who prepare their own taxes and still file paper returns. Last filing season, the

IRS received nearly 85 million paper returns, while nearly 47 million e-filed returns.

"Free File puts e-file within reach of more taxpayers than ever," said acting IRS Commissioner Robert Wenzel.

"They'll soon discover what the 47 million taxpayers who e-filed last year already know: e-file is quicker, e-file is more accurate, e-file is the best way to confirm the IRS received your return, and it's the fastest route to a



refund."

E-government is an integral part of the president's management agenda to make it easier for citizens and businesses to interact with the government, save taxpayer dollars and streamline citizen-to-government transactions.

A Free File initiative fact sheet, which includes list of the FFA members and frequently asked questions, can be found on the IRS Web site. (Story courtesy Air Force News Service)

## Briefs

■ **Flu shots** — Flu shots will be administered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Base Exchange entrance. Shots are available to anyone in the Misawa community with a valid identification card. Shot records are highly encouraged.

■ **ALS graduation** — Airman Leadership School Class 03-C is graduating at 7 p.m. Feb. 13 in the Tohoku Enlisted Club Ballroom. Social hour begins at 6 p.m. If interested in attending, please call Tech. Sgt. Shelvin Watts at 226-3445 prior to Wednesday.

■ **NEO coordinator training** — The Family Support Center is conducting NEO coordinator training from 8 to 10 a.m. Feb. 7. This class will be in the FSC classroom, located on the first floor of the Torii Building. Attendance is mandatory. For more information, call Maj. Barbara Severson-Olson at 226-4735.

■ **Officers' Fellowship Retreat** — There will be a Winter Ski/Snowshoe Retreat Feb. 15 - 17 at the Aomori Christian Center. This is open to all officers (and equivalent) and their families. For more information, call Capt. Saxon Gilbert at 222-5645 or Capt. Ben Hollo at 222-7822.

■ **Japanese language course** — There is a beginner's Japanese class 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Feb. 25. The class costs Y2000, plus books, and meets in Hachinohe. For more information, call Ms. Corinne Vail at 53-2664 or e-mail corkyvail@hotmail.com.

■ **Dental Assistance Program** — Applications are accepted for the Dental Assistance Program through March 3. Class start date is March 24. For applications or more information, call 226-3016.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Mary Weaver

## One excellent youth

Col. Richard Howell, 35th Mission Support Group commander, presents the 2002 Youth in Excellence Award to Sean Sanford. Sean won the annual award for his contributions to Edgren High School and the Misawa community. Among his achievements are serving as the student representative of the EHS Improvement Committee; volunteering as a clerical worker at the Misawa Family Support Center; participation in Operation Afghanistan, a project that collected school supplies for the children of Afghanistan; and serving as a member of the Wakasa Teen Center Keystone Club.

## 'Chief'

Continued from Page 1.

"We're extremely excited to welcome Chief Smith and his wife to the 35th Fighter Wing and Misawa Air Base," said Brig. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, 35th FW and Misawa AB Installation commander. "All of Misawa should be as eager as I am to work with a command chief with the type of proven record of taking care of people that Chief Smith brings to our community. He continues the tradition of outstanding enlisted leadership established by his predecessors."

The chief entered the Air Force in March 1978. According to the chief's biography, his background includes various duties in the security forces and first sergeant career fields.

In addition to many stateside assignments, the chief has served at bases in Sicily and the Azores and deployed in support of operations Southern Watch, Joint Endeavor and Allied Force. His awards and

decorations include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with three bronze oak leaf clusters and the Air Force Commendation Medal with four bronze oak leaf clusters.

Chief Smith was the 305th Air Mobility Wing First Sergeant of the Year in 1995 and the 20th Fighter Wing and 9th Air Force First Sergeant of the Year in 1999.

The chief has a bachelor's degree in occupational education from Southern Illinois University and a master's degree in public administration from Troy State University,



Chief Smith

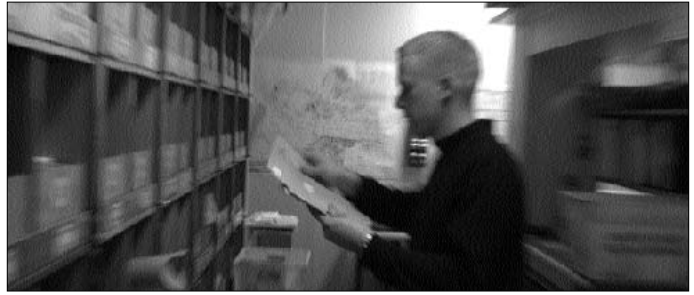
Ala.

He replaces Chief Master Sgt. Charles Clymer, who had served as 35th FW command chief master sergeant since June 2001. He departs Misawa to become the first sergeant of the 4th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, N.C.

# Where'd you get that second shadow? Troops to share career, military lifestyle with Edgren students



Senior Airman Janelle Sordelet (left), perio therapist, trains Senior Airman Francis Wright Tuesday at the base dental clinic. Sordelet will have a student from Edgren High School accompany her for the day as part of the new shadow program.



Senior Airman Chad McBee, postal clerk at the base post office, distributes mail Tuesday. McBee will participate in Edgren's shadow program.

Story and photos by Staff Sgt.  
Marcus McDonald  
35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Service members and Edgren High School students will have the opportunity to interact and learn from each other as part of the school's new shadow program.

Kickoff of the program is late February for seniors and early March for juniors.

"This program will give single troops, E-4 and below, a chance to share their career and military lifestyle with an interested senior or junior at Edgren High School," said Senior Airman Kristen Bertoli, 35th Civil Engineer Squadron. "Students will get to experience the lifestyle they'll have if they enlist immediately following graduation."

Senior Airman Bertoli serves as the president for Singled Out, Misawa's singles organization. She, along with Edgren High School guidance counselor Kimberly Dickman, organized the program as a Singled Out event.

She said the 35th Fighter Wing and Misawa Air Base installation commander was the source of her inspiration.

"When he first arrived at Misawa, Brig. Gen. Atkins started a program enabling airmen to shadow him for a day to get a taste of his lifestyle and the officer corps," she said. "The time I spent with him was so beneficial that I yearned for the opportunity to provide a similar experience for others."

The airmen want to help prepare the Edgren students for a possible life in the military.

"When high schoolers are looking for the right college, they often spend a day or weekend living that life, to test it out," Senior Airman Bertoli said. "Since a decision to enlist in the military is far more drastic and commitment-oriented, I feel students should be at least as well prepared."

"My number one goal is for students to get an educated feel for the military so they don't enter it with blinders on," she said. "A lot of folks feel that recruiters need to lie to lure

folks to a military lifestyle, but I disagree. I love my life in the military and feel recruitment can be just as effective, if not more so, by presenting an honest image of everyday life in the service."

Program organizers tried to pair up students with those working in specific career fields.

"We surveyed the senior and junior classes and are individually matching students with a same-sex service member in a career field of interest to them," Senior Airman Bertoli said. "In some cases, due to security clearances and/or low manning, particular students were unable to be placed in a career field of their choosing. I hope this program will afford seniors and juniors a chance to see where their niche in the military may be."

In addition to visiting the workplace, shadows will receive morning briefings from Brig. Gen. Atkins, TriCare, finance, and the education office. Students will also be able to dine at Grissom Dining Facility and the Tohoku Enlisted Club is hosting a follow-up social.

"These events will help the students get a more well-rounded feel for military life as well as allow them to experience various enlisted atmospheres," Senior Airman Bertoli said.

Ms. Dickman, who serves as counselor for the juniors and seniors, believes the shadow program will have a strong impact on students, especially those who are unsure about joining the military.

"For most students, the shadow program will most likely solidify their goals of joining the military, whether out of high school or after college," she said. "For some, it may show them that they do not want to enlist — but that can be good as well."

The guidance counselor expects the program to continue for years to come.

"I strongly believe that this will be an invaluable program and hopefully with this year's success, it can continue on in the future," Ms. Dickman said. "Everything that students are exposed to influences their future."





### Warrior of the Week

**Staff Sgt.  
Erin Jaussaud**

**Organization**  
373rd Support  
Squadron  
**Duty Title**  
Ground Radio Systems  
Journeyman  
**Home**  
Stafford, Va.



"Staff Sgt. Jaussaud has proven to be a highly energetic performer and her enthusiasm inspires motivation from those around her. In addition, her hard work, total dedication and professional military appearance led to her selection by the Security Hill Senior NCO Council as 'Professional for the Month' for December."

**Master Sgt. Michael Fotakis**  
Ground Radio Systems Maintenance NCO in charge



### Student of the Week

**Kiera Bastien  
Age 8**

**School**  
Cummings Elementary  
School  
**Hometown**  
Montgomery, Ala.  
**Favorite Subject**  
Reading



"Kiera is a kind, compassionate person. She is always willing to help others. Kiera shows excellent study skills and attacks new tasks with great enthusiasm. She is a model student to her peers."

**Susan Burdick**  
Second Grade teacher

### 'Heir Born'

The following parents are announcing the births of their children at the base hospital:

**NAPIER** — Petty Officer 2nd Class Joseph and Maricel Napier, a daughter, Erika Leann, Jan. 10.

**CROUCH** — Staff Sgt. Ken and Teruko Crouch, a son, Kaleb, Jan. 2.

### Military Retirees

The next meeting of the Misawa Military Retirees Association is 5 p.m. Feb. 11 in the



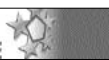
Tohoku Enlisted Club Longhorn Lounge. For more information, call 226-2745/4428.

### Service demographics offer snapshot of force

The Air Force Personnel Center recently published its quarterly report on the active-duty and civilian populace.

More information can be found at the center's analysis branch website: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/demographics/>.

### DOD News U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE



## 'Eagle Eyes' teaches people to be on the lookout

Several plastic containers and what appeared to be a timing device were found near a military checkpoint at the Pentagon yesterday, arousing the suspicion of a passerby.

Soon afterward, members of the Arlington Fire Department and the Pentagon Force Protection Agency were on the scene. The Air Force Office of Special Investigations was contacted.

Alert notices sent out over e-mail and the Pentagon's emergency communications system informed those in the immediate area of what action to take.

The containers turned out to be

nothing more than cleaning tools left behind by a vendor who'd been in the Pentagon to disinfect bathrooms.

Although the scare caused quite a bit of confusion, the passerby did the right thing, said Tom Smith, a retired NYPD detective who now commands Detachment 344 of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations.

In light of what happened Sept. 11, 2001, "we don't dismiss anything -- we can't afford to," Smith said. Part of the mission of his six-man detachment is to help protect the 20,000 military and civilian personnel who work at the Pentagon.

Smith seems to take such incidents personally, no matter how frivolous. Which is why today in the Pentagon auditorium, he and his team met with workers to clue them in on "Eagle Eyes," a program created by the Air Force that has become the Defense Department's "Neighborhood Watch" program.

Eagle Eyes teaches military personnel and civilian employees to be on the watch for, and to report, suspicious activities of people they suspect may be:

- o Surveying the workplace or monitoring activities using cameras and video.
- o Trying to gain information

about military operations, capabilities or people.

o Testing security measures, attempting to measure reaction times or to penetrate security barriers.

o Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, uniforms, decals, passes or badges.

o Taking notice of people who don't seem to fit in the workplace, neighborhood or business establishment.

Finally, Smith said, pay special attention to any threat received by any means that contains a specific time, location or place. (Story courtesy of DefenseLink)



Photo by Missy Murphy

### This looks delicious!

Melia Gil learns how to cook Japanese food with a new friend recently. Middle school students from Edgren High School's Advancement via Individual Determination Class were guests of East Junior High School's international day in Hiroake, Japan. Misawa's students ate lunch, went to class and spent the day with Japanese students.

**YOU've  
been  
singled OUT  
for fun & games**

**Singles Party**

Saturday, Feb 1 at 7 pm  
Mokuteki Community Center

Games, Free pizza, dancing, prizes,  
cash grab and pool & dart tournaments!  
Must be single or unaccompanied.

Call 226-4128 for more info.



## Ask Shuko



**Q: What is the history behind the Japanese flag and national anthem?**

**A:** During the Edo period (1600-1868) the rising sun flag was raised by merchant ships to identify themselves as being of Japanese nationality. The flag then evolved into the national symbol of Japan, 'The Land of the Rising Sun.' Kimigayo is the Japanese national anthem. It's also the song that we listen to at retreat. This song was arranged from a classical Japanese poem composed in the Heianera period. If you have any topics or questions about Japanese culture, give me a call at 226-3075 or e-mail the Northern Light office at [northern.light@misawa.af.mil](mailto:northern.light@misawa.af.mil).

### School Lunch Menus



**Edgren High Monday**  
Chef salad, baked roll, graham crackers, milk

**Tuesday**  
Cheese pizza, garden salad, fruit, oatmeal cookie, milk

**Wednesday**  
Corn dogs, pretzels, mixed vegetables, fruit, Rice Krispie bar, milk

**Thursday**  
Chili cheese fries, garden salad, cherry crispitos, milk

**Feb. 7**  
Students' choice

**Editor's note:** High school students can choose between the elementary school menu and another selection.

## School Square

### Cummings and Sollars Elementary Monday

Popcorn chicken, macaroni and cheese, peas, baked roll, fruit, milk

#### Tuesday

Ravioli with meat sauce, garden salad, baked roll, fruit, oatmeal cookie, milk

#### Wednesday

Chicken pot pie wrap, mixed vegetables, fruit, animal crackers, milk

#### Thursday

Hamburger on a bun, curly fries, applesauce, Rice Krispie bar, milk

#### Feb. 7

Students' choice

**Editor's note:** For complete menus visit: <http://odin.aafes.com/nutrition/hsmen.htm>

### Education Opportunities



#### ■ Beginner Japanese Classes

— Starting Feb. 25, Tuesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Hachinohe. Cost is 2,000 yen plus books. For more information, e-mail Corinne at [corkyvail@hotmail.com](mailto:corkyvail@hotmail.com) or call evenings 53-2664.

■ **SAT** — The SAT is offered Feb. 10 at 1 p.m. Exam is for military members only. For more information or to schedule a testing seat, call the education office at 226-4201.

■ **Scholarships for high schoolers** — Misawa's Officer's Spouses Club offers scholarships to graduating Edgren High School seniors. Application deadline is March 7.

## Grissom Dining Facility



### Today

**Dinner** — Yankee pot roast, simmered corn beef, pineapple chicken

### Saturday

**Brunch** — Creole shrimp, doubly good chicken, savory baked chicken, Swedish meatballs

**Dinner** — Baked fish, barbecued chicken, doubly good chicken, Hungarian goulash

### Sunday

**Brunch** — Cantonese spareribs, grilled mustard chicken, oven-fried fish

**Dinner** — Loin-strip steak, stir-fry beef with broccoli, turkey nuggets

### Monday

**Lunch** — Baked stuffed fish, pot roast, roast pork loin

**Dinner** — Cannelloni beef, chili macaroni, Southern fried chicken

### Tuesday

**Lunch** — Salmon cakes, teriyaki chicken, veal parmesan

**Dinner** — Country captain chicken, meatloaf, turkey a la king

### Wednesday

**Lunch** — Barbecued ham steak, beef ball stroganoff, turkey and noodles

**Dinner** — Barbecued spareribs, lemon-herbed chicken, stuffed pork chops

### Thursday

**Lunch** — Herb-baked chicken, Southern fried catfish

**Dinner** — Glazed cornish hen, jagerschitzel, roast pork loin

## What's Happening

### Community Events

■ **Champagne Brunch** — Sunday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Tohoku Enlisted Club ballroom. All ranks welcome.

■ **Singles Party** — Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Mokuteki Community Center. Singles or unaccompanied people welcome.

■ **Pieces of a Dream** — Feb. 7 at 9 p.m. at the enlisted club a night of jazz, Philly style. Open to all ranks, 18 years and older.

■ **Concert** — Misawa Chapel Inspirational Community Choir concert, Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mokuteki Ballroom. For more information, contact Karen Wilson at [kwilson@msa.attmil.ne.jp](mailto:kwilson@msa.attmil.ne.jp) or 226-4630.

■ **Mixing it Up in the Kitchen**

— Wednesdays at 4 p.m. at the Wakasa Teen Center. Sign up on Tuesdays. Teens learn how to prepare and cook meals. For more information, call 226-2170.

■ **Stress Management** — Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. in Bldg. 1000.

■ **Toddler Playgroup** — Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 94.

■ **Birth To 12-Month Playgroup** — Wednesdays from 10 to 11 a.m. in Bldg. 94.

**Editor's note:** Movie lineup and starting times are subject to change.

### Richard Bong Theater

**Today** — "8 Mile" (R) Eminem and Kim Basinger, **7 p.m.** "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (PG-13), **7 p.m.**

**Saturday** — "Jonah - A Veggie Tales Movie" (G), **1 p.m.** "Catch Me if You Can" (PG-13), **7 p.m.** "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (PG-13), **9:30 p.m.**

**Sunday** — "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (PG), **1 p.m.** "Star Trek: Nemesis" (PG-13) Patrick Stewart and Jonathan Frakes, **5 p.m.**

**Monday** — "Moonlight Mile" (PG-13) Jake Gyllenhaal and Dustin Hoffman, **7 p.m.**

**Tuesday** — "Brown Sugar" (PG-13) Taye Diggs and Sanaa Lathan, **7 p.m.**

**Wednesday** — "Die Another Day" (PG-13) Pierce Brosnan and Halle Berry, **7 p.m.**

**Thursday** — "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (PG) Nia Vardalos and John Corbett, **7 p.m.**

**Feb. 7** — "NARC" (R) Jason Patric and Ray Liotta, **7 p.m.** "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (PG-13), **7 p.m.**

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Photo by Anna Flowers

## Pamper me

Families of deployed people get pampered during Misawa's Family Support Center's "Pamper Me" Day. This is one of the many classes offered to families of the deployed. "Tips for Keeping in Touch" on Thursday and "Cookie Care" scheduled for Feb. 7, are two more classes families can sign up for. For more information or to sign up, call 226-4735.

## 35th Fighter Wing Chapel



### Catholic Services

**Daily Mass** — Mondays through Thursdays at noon

**Sunday Masses** — 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

**Sunday School** — Sundays at 11 a.m. (at Sollars Elementary School)

**Confessions** — First and third Mondays at 11 a.m. and second and fourth Mondays at 7 p.m.

### Protestant Services

**Holy Communion** — Sundays at 8 a.m.

**Sunday School** — Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (at Sollars Elementary School)

**General Protestant** — Sundays at 11 a.m.

**Inspirational Worship** — Sundays at 2 p.m.

**Contemporary Worship** — Sundays at 6 p.m.

### Jewish Services

First and third Fridays of every month from 7 to 9 p.m.

### Islamic Services

Fridays at noon

### Seventh Day Adventist Services

Saturdays at 10 a.m. at Security Hill Chapel.

### Hindu Study Group

First Friday of month from 11 a.m. to noon. Every other Friday of month from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Contact numbers

Main chapel — 226-4630

After duty hours — 226-6648

Security Hill — 226-3064



# Changing from jets to nets

*Misawa airman gets chance of lifetime with Air Force soccer team*

by Airman 1st Class Abby Young

35th Fighter Wing Public Affairs office

One of the 35th Maintenance Squadron's maintainers, currently assigned to the 14th Fighter Squadron, just returned from a different kind of mission for the Air Force.

On this mission, the jets he usually works with were replaced with soccer balls and nets. His coworkers were substituted for goalies, defenders and forwards, and his supervisor for a coach.

But Dono Kneuer took it all in stride, as a new addition to the Armed Forces soccer team.

Having played soccer since he was a child, Kneuer decided to go through the application process for the Air Force soccer team.

It started with Kneuer filling out a form 301 outlining his skills and qualifications and submitting it to the base athletic director.

The base director then sent the form to the Air Force Sports Association, where coaches read and compared many athletes' resumes to see who had the talent to go to the three-week long try-

outs in Dover, Del.

Kneuer was notified of his acceptance to the tryouts in late August and soon found himself in Delaware competing to be on the Air Force soccer team.

His years of experience playing soccer coupled with being on the Air Force Academy's soccer team, made Kneuer feel confident he could go all the way.

"They eliminated players each week and whoever was left at the end of the three weeks made the Air Force Team," said Kneuer. At the end of tryouts, he was still standing along with 18 other athletes from Air Force installations around the globe — the Air Force now had its new team.

The team then competed and won the All Armed Forces Tournament, beating out the Army, Navy and Marines. Kneuer was then selected to play for the All Armed Forces team, which competed at the Americas Military Soccer Championships earlier this month against the Canadian and Barbadian military teams in Barbados.

The U.S. military team scored a victory against the Canadian team (3-2) and then lost to the Barbadian team (2-3) allowing for the Barbadians to represent the Americas in the World Military Games this coming September in Italy.

Between tryouts and the CISM in Barbados, Kneuer had to be away from his job at Misawa for about a month and a half.

This tall, brown hair, brown-eyed



Photos courtesy of Airman 1st Class Abby Young

Dono Kneuer shoots the ball during tryouts to be on the Air Force soccer team in Dover, Del. Kneuer was one of 19 athletes chosen for the team after the three-week tryouts.



Kneuer dribbles the ball downfield during the three-week tryouts for the Air Force soccer team in Dover, Del. He was selected for the Armed Forces Team.

maintainer found it tough to be away from his job.

"I've only been in the Air Force for two years, so in many ways, I'm still in the learning stage of my job," Kneuer said. "Right now I'm playing catch up from being gone."

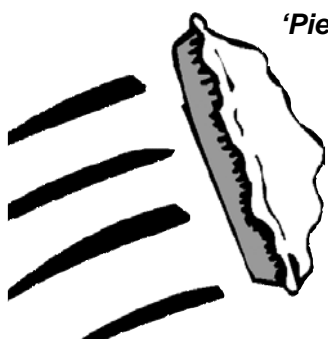
He added that he has great supervisors and co-workers that worked with him and his absences.

Kneuer's soccer plans for the

future are simple: to have fun.

He's a member of the base soccer team and encourages anyone interested in playing soccer to just have fun.

Being active duty, this Littleton, Colo., native said he's in the Air Force for the long haul. "I like working with my hands and being around the people and the jets," he said. "I love my job."




**'Pie-in-the-face' needs votes**

Instead of putting on a few extra pounds by indulging in some baked goods, put your arm muscles to good use and heave them. The African American Heritage committee is having a pie in the face. Each vote is \$.25 and voting is open until Feb. 7. Vote for your husband or wife, supervisor or commander. For more information or to place a vote, call Staff Sgt. Shair Harper at 226-9033.

## Feeling Fit?

Seventy five percent of Air Force members rate their own health as very good or excellent.



Source: Air Force Surgeon General AF/NEWS